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Kay County, Okla., quarantines against Kansas.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE,
Washington, D. C., January 27, 1900.

SIR: This office is to-day in receipt of the following telegram from the Superintendent Railway Mail Service, Fort Worth, Tex.:

Kay County, Okla., quarantined against State of Kansas requiring mail and merchandise from that State to be thoroughly disinfected. Persons from Kansas prohibited from entering Kay County. Superintendent Taft at St. Louis notified.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. WHITE,
General Superintendent.

Vaccination of crews at Mobile, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., *January 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that at the request of the local board of health, I have to-day begun the vaccination of crews of all vessels from river points entering this port.

Respectfully,

W. P. M. MCINTOSH,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Report on the investigation of smallpox in North Carolina and Georgia.

WILMINGTON, N. C., *January 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report, in obedience to your telegraphic instructions of January 13, 1900, to proceed to Greensboro, N. C., and Jesup, Ga., for the purpose of conferring with the authorities of those places relative to the smallpox situation. I arrived at Greensboro, N. C., on the afternoon of January 14, 1900, and had an interview with the mayor, Z. V. Taylor. I was given the following statement of the situation: Last spring there were several cases of smallpox in and around Greensboro, but the disease was stamped out, and no further trouble occurred until about December 1, 1899. About this date an eruptive disease, diagnosed as chicken pox by some of the local physicians, and smallpox by others, made its appearance at a tile factory, some 4 miles from Greensboro.

Some three or four weeks ago the disease appeared in Greensboro, and much difference of opinion existed among the local physicians as to its diagnosis. However, as the disease continued to spread rapidly, the mayor determined to settle the question of diagnosis and adopt measures to prevent its further spread. With this object in view he requested, through the State board of health, the detail of an officer of the Marine-Hospital Service to determine the diagnosis and indicate the measures necessary for its suppression, it being understood that the diagnosis of such an officer would be accepted as final.

On the following morning, accompanied by the mayor and Dr. Broadnax, I visited some 6 or 8 cases in the city and found them all to have smallpox. The cases were all negroes and the disease was of the prevailing mild type. I found 1 case in a prisoner in the county jail, and 1 in a pupil in the colored agricultural and mechanical college.

I also visited the Proximity Cotton Mills located a short distance out of Greensboro. Here there is a community of some 2,000 persons, chiefly employees of the mills and their families. I found 1 case of smallpox in the person of one of the white employees, in the fourth day of the eruption.